

Fiscal Note

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HF 2281 – Family Planning Benefits (LSB 5487HV)

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Description

House File 2281 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to amend the Family Planning Waiver to allow coverage for uninsured women through 54 years of age with incomes up to 300.0% of the federal poverty level. The Waiver would also apply to insured women when the benefits do not include coverage for services provided under the Iowa Family Planning Network. The Bill also requires the Department to request coverage for pregnancy prevention services for men that meet the same income, age, and insurance coverage specifications as women. Implementation of this Bill is contingent on approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and on the availability of funding as determined by the Director of DHS.

Background

Iowa currently provides family planning services to uninsured women through 44 years of age with incomes up to 200.0% of the federal poverty level, unless they require confidential services or are not already enrolled in the Medicaid program, IowaCare, or hawk-i.

Assumptions

It is assumed that there would be 35,491 additional women eligible for the Waiver and 75.0% would join over the next two years. The average annual cost per enrollee for the waiver is estimated at \$426.48 for FY 2011 and \$439.27 for FY 2012. It is assumed that coverage of men means providing only vasectomies but the number that would be provided cannot be estimated. There will be \$50,000 in administrative expenses to DHS for systems changes and other updates. The federal share of the FMAP rate for the Family Planning Waiver is 90.00% and 50.00% for administrative costs.

Fiscal Impact

If funding is provided, increasing both the age limit and the poverty level is estimated to cost the General Fund \$332,000 in FY 2011 and \$901,000 in FY 2012.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, providing Family Planning Services to women between the ages of 15-44 with incomes under 200.0% of federal poverty level saves more than the program costs. It is difficult to quantify what the savings will be by expanding age and financial eligibility requirements, but if there are fewer unintended pregnancies there will be some cost avoidance in the future considering Medicaid currently covers pregnant women and infants up to 300% of the federal poverty level. At the same time, there will be an upfront cost of providing the services.

Sources

Department of Human Services
Congressional Budget Office

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